THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (f) The matter related to the Dahanu Notification of June, 1991 issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is presently under consideration of the Ministry in consultation with Maharasthra State Government.

Economic Package for North Eastern States

1633. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his visit to North Eastern States had promised an action plan for the development of these States;

(b) whether the same has been implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the action plan is likely to be fully implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) *The Prime Minister at the end of his visit to the North Eastern States had made a Statement on 27.10.96 at Guwahati regarding New Initiatives for the North Eastern Region.*

The implementaton of this has commenced and is expected to be implemented by the end of the 9th Five Year Plan.

Group Insurance Scheme for Fishermen

1634. SHRI B.K. GADHVI :
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Group Insurance Scheme has been introduced for the fishermen living in coastal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether about 40,000 Fishermen in coastal areas of Gujarat are entitled to be enrolled as members under the Scheme;

(d) if so, whether about 10,000 fishermen have not been enrolled by the authorities and the Government of Gujarat had taken up this issue with the Union Government;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which all the eligible fishermen are likely to be covered under the scheme; and

(f) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to cover the remaining fishermen under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) A centrally sponsored scheme for providing insurance cover to fishermen has been in operation since 1982-83. The scheme is, at present, applicable both to marine & inland fishermen who are licensed or registered as active fishermen with the State/UT Government. From March, 97 the insurance cover under the scheme will be enhanced from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 35,000/- against death or permanent disability and from Rs. 12,500/- to Rs. 17,500/- against partial disability.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) During 1995-96, the insurance coverage was extended to 37,838 eligible fishermen belonging to the State of Gujarat. During 1996-97, however, Central assistance to provide insurance cover to all the 40,000 eligible fishermen has already been released.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Production of Fertilizers in Bihar

1635. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer production units in Bihar, the total production and demand of the fertilizers in the State for the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up any fertilizer production unit in the south of Bihar;

(c) if so, the time by which it would be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) Information regarding the production of major fertilizer units in Bihar and demand/consumption of fertilizers in the State is given below :

('000 MT)

Name of the Company/ Plant	Product	Production		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
HFC—Barauni	Urea	22.0	67.0	56.1
FCI—Sindri	Urea	243.9	298.4	224.7
PPCL—Amjnor	SSP	128.6	171.2	181.2
SAIL—Bokaro	Ammonium Sulphate	23.6	22.7	22.7

Demand/Consumption in Bihar

('000 MT)

Product	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. Urea	911.56	1015.81	1097.15
2. Amm. Sulphate	16.33	24.95	21.64
3. Calcium Amm. Nitrate	58.39	48.69	35.80
4. DAP	163.73	153.31	197.37
5. SSP	101.84	143.64	122.36
6. Rock Phosphate	—	0.08	—
7. Complexes	29.34	26.17	30.43
8. MOP	19.50	56.00	67.62

(b) to (d) Government does not propose to set up fertilizer plants in South Bihar or anywhere else. Investment in the fertilizer sector is open to entrepreneurs of all the sectors.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

1636. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have submitted proposals to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all the districts of their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the dates from which these proposals are pending for approval;

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared;

(e) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras likely to be set up in each State during 1997-98, location-wise; and

(f) the names of places where Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been opened up during 1996-97 till date ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. However, some letters of request have been received without detailed proposals.

(b) and (c) Information is given in Statement enclosed.

(d) and (e) The clearance of these requests and the number of KVKs likely to be set up in each state will depend upon the availability of additional financial resources. For this purpose a comprehensive proposal has been submitted to the Planning Commission for seeking additional financial resources.

(f) During 1996-97, following KVKs were approved :

1. Minicoy Island (Lakshadweep Island)
2. Barabanki (U.P.)
3. Darbhanga (Bihar)
4. Shekhpura (Bihar)

Statement

Letters of Request Received from State Government

S.No.	Proposal received from	Name of the district	Date of Receipt
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri J.H. Patel, Dy. Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka	Chitradurga (Karnataka)	18.04.95
2.	Shri Janki Balabh Patnayak, Chief Minister, Govt. of Orissa, Orissa	Bolangir (Orissa)	03.01.94
3.	Shri Digvijay Singh, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh Government	Bhind (MP) Shajapur(MP) Rajnandgaon (MP) Rewa (MP)	17.03.94 06.03.95 10.05.95 16.10.95
4.	Shri Subhash Yadav, Dy. Chief Minister, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Morena (MP) Dhar(MP)	08.02.95 29.09.95
5.	Shri Beant Singh, Ex-Chief Minister of Punjab	Amritsar and Ludhiana (Punjab)	19.10.92